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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING PREFASTENED AND REFASTENABLE  
PANT WITH DESIRED WAIST AND HIP FIT  
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### Transmittal Letter Utility U.S. Patent Application Plural Inventors

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified utility U.S. patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. 38 pages of specification, including a one (1) page Abstract and thirty-five (35) claims.
2. An executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith.
3. Ten (10) sheets of formal drawings.
4. An assignment of this invention to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.
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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/204,495 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING PREFASTENED AND REFASTENABLE PANT WITH DESIRED WAIST AND HIP FIT" and filed on May 16, 2000 in the names of Robert Lee Popp, Joseph Daniel Coenen, David Arthur Kuen, Christopher Peter Olson, Shawn Ahmed Qureshi.

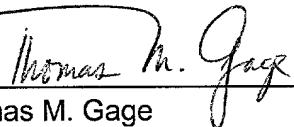
Please preliminarily amend the specification of the present application by inserting, as the first sentence following the title, the following: "This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/204,495 filed on May 16, 2000."

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Respectfully submitted,

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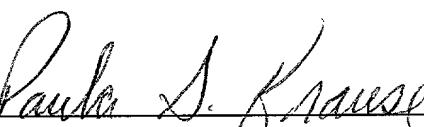
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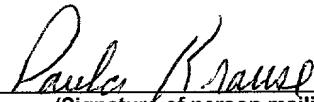
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